the State Governments/UT Administrations requested the Central Government to evolve a National Policy on Public Distribution System so that the benefits of PDS are restricted only to the needy and deserving. While this issue, including the possibility of exclusion of certain categories of consumers, is being examined, the current policy of Central Government is that PDS entitlement is universal. A few State Governments have decided on exclusion of certain categories of the population like income-tax assessees etc.

The Central Government has not received any reports regarding protest from self-employed and salaried persons in the States where such criteria have been adopted.

The major objective of the exercise is to examine how the benefits of food subsidy can be made available to the needy and deserving sections of the population.

Demand and Supply of Foodgrains to States

680. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state the demand and supplies of sugar, edible oils, and foodgrains for the public distribution system during 1992-93 in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): A statement showing the demand, allocation and lifting of rice and wheat and the allocation and lifting of levy sugar and imported edible oils during April, 1992 to December, 1992 is given in Annexure. [*See* Apendix CLXVI, Annexure No. 13]. Levy sugar is allocated generally on a uniform norm of 425 gms per capita monthly availability on the basis of projected population in the State/UT as on 1.10.1986. A five percent ad-hoc increase in the levy sugar allocation was made to States/UTs from August, 1991. Imported edible oil is allocated to State Governments/UT Administrations depending on availability of imported edible oil in the Central stock and open market availability of indigenous oils.

Need to Increase Scope of Consumer Protection Act

681. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to bring civic services, like water supply, health cover and house construction under Consumer Protection Act;

(b) if so, what measures are being initiated in this regard; and

(c) what are the names of other services proposed to be brought under this Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) The high power Working Group which was constituted to suggest suitable amendments to make the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, more effective, has recommended to include these services within the purview of the Act. The recommendations of the Working Group are under the consideration of the Government.

Losses in National Cooperative Consumers Federation

682. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are holding over 75 per cent shares of the National Cooperative Consumers Federation and have invested about Rs. 9 crores in this respect;

(b) if so, whether the losses of the

Federation which stood at Rs. 7.50 crores upto 1988 have now gone upto about Rs. 25.00 crores by the end of 1992;

(c) what were the names of the Chairman/Managing Directors/Heads of Marketing and Finance Departments during the last five years and what action has been taken to fix their responsibility for the losses caused at the rate of Rs. 4 crores per annum to the Federation; and

(d) whether Government are reconsidering to supersede the N.C.C.F. Board due to these huge losses, if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir. The paid up share capital of National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF) as on 31.12.1992 stood at Rs. 11.69 crores out of which Government of India has contributed Rs. 8.95 crores which comes to 76.56% of the total share capital.

(b) The accumulated losses of NCCF as on 30.6.1988 stood at Rs. 10.89 crores, which increased to Rs. 24.38 crores at the end of financial year 1991-92.

(c) and (d) A statement showing the names of Administrators/ President/Managing Director/Head of Marketing and Finance Department of the NCCF during last five years is enclosed (*see* below). NCCF has reported that loss during this period was mainly due to certain operational shortcomings such as fund constraints, excessive overheads, disproportionately high interest burden etc. which can not be attributed to the laps of any official or office bearer. In view of certain concrete steps initiated by NCCF to restore its viability the Government is not contemplating to supersede the Board of Management of NCCF.

Statement

The Names of the Administrators/Presidents/Managing Director and Head of Marketing and Finance Department of N.C.C.F of India Limited

(i) Name of the Administrator/President		
1.	Shri K. C. Pandeya, IAS Administrator	16.10.87. to 31.08.88
2.	Miss Meera Seth, IAS Administrator	04.10.88 to 26.07.89
3.	Shri N. Raghunathan, IAS Administrator	27.7.89 to 12.01.90
4.	Shri P. Tripathy, IAS Administrator	15.01.90 to 28.08.90
5.	Shri B. L. Bhatt, President	29.08.90 to date
(ii) Name of the Managing Directors		
1.	Shri D. K. Chatterjee, IAS	09.12.87 to 07.11.88
2.	Shri M. K. Zutshi, IRS	08.11.88 to 08.01.89
3.	Shri A. Bhattachariya, IAS	09.01.89 to 13.05.91
4.	Shri R. J. Singh, IRS	13.05.91 to 29.08.91

5.	Shri Mahendra Singh	30.08.91 to 31.12.92
6.	Shri T. T. Adhikari (Addl. charge pending appointment of regular MD)	01.01.93 to date
(iii) Head of the Marketing Division		
1.	Shri V. Ramanathan Chief Manager (C.M.)	11.04.88 to 06.01.89
2.	Shri R. L. Banerjee, C.M.	06.01.89 to 31.10.90
3.	Shri G. N. Awasthi, C.M.	09.05.88 to 23.11.91
4.	Shri S. S. Yadav, C.M.	19.06.91 to 31.01.92
5.	Shri Y. Jha, General Manager	29.05.92 to date
6.	Shri O. P. Meghaney, General Manager	18.11.92 to date
(iv) Heads of Finance Division		
1.	Shri T. T. Adhikari, CAF	18.05.86 to 18.10.88
2.	Shri R. J. Singh, IRS CCAF	19.10.88 to 30.08.91
3.	Shri T. T. Adhikari CAF/CCAF	01.09.91 to date

683. *[Transferred to 5th March, 1993]*

सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के माध्यम से बेची जाने वाली वस्तुओं के मूल्यों में वृद्धि

684. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:**
श्री विरेन जे० शाह:

क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के माध्यम से बेची जाने वाली वस्तुओं के मूल्यों में वृद्धि की गई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान किन-किन वस्तुओं के मूल्यों में वृद्धि की गई और किस-किस तारीख से और उनके मूल्यों में इस वृद्धि का प्रतिशत कितना है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस मूल्य-वृद्धि की घोषणा के पश्चात् खुले बाजार में भी आवश्यक उपभोक्ता वस्तुओं के मूल्य बढ़ गये हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस बारे में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद): (क) से (घ) सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के लिए राज्यों को आवंटित खाद्यान्नों तथा लेवी चीनी के केन्द्रीय निर्गम मूल्य 1992-93 के दौरान संशोधित किए गए थे। उनका ब्यौरा इस प्रकार है:—

वस्तु	निम्नांकित तारीखों से प्रभावी सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली हेतु केन्द्रीय निर्गम मूल्य		वृद्धि का प्रतिशत
	28.12.91	11.1.93	
1. चावल (प्रति क्विंटल)	377.00	437.00	15.9
कामन फाइन	437.00	497.00	13.7
सुपरफाइन	458.00	518.00	13.1
2. गेहूं (प्रति क्विंटल)	280.00	330.00	17.8
3. लेवी चीनी प्रति कि० ग्रा०)	6.90 (21.1.92 से प्रभावी)	8.30 (17.2.93 से प्रभावी)	20.3

गेहूं और चावल की बेहतर उपलब्धता के कारण फिलहाल उनके भावों में नरमी का रुख है। लेवी चीनी की कीमतें हाल ही में (17.2.93) को बढ़ाई गई हैं। तभी से खुले बाज़ार में चीनी के खुदरा मूल्यों में वृद्धि का रुख दिखाई पड़ा है, जिसके प्रतिकार के लिए सरकार ने खुली बिक्री हेतु 50,000 मी० टन का अतिरिक्त कोटा निर्मुक्त किया है।

685.*[Transferred to 5th March, 1993]*